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1. Boynitsa, Kula Okoliya, is located about eight km from the Yugoslav border. There is a frontier-troop post near the village. The number of men changes constantly because some of them go to strengthen other posts and others are replaced by representatives of the State Security in kula who are agents placed in ambush at important points where members of the opposition, emigrants, or associates of these people are reported as passing. Often, there are 12-16 enlisted men at a post, and an officer candidate or a second / junior / lieutenant.
2. In Boynitsa, there is the 2nd militia poduchastuk post attached to Kula located in the house of Zhiko Kanchov Liakoz, who was moved out of the village in 1950 as a "kulak".
3. The poduchastuk has six uniformed militiamen armed with rifles, Soviet and German Schmeisser submachine guns, pistols, and grenades.
4. A year ago, the militiamen were from Boynitsa, but because they were reported as being well-disposed towards the villagers, they were replaced by men from other villages. The chief of the poduchastuk is from Kiryasovo, Kula Okoliya, and is 36 years old. He treats the villagers badly, especially those who are not in the TKZS (Trudovo kooperativno Zemedelsko Stopanstvo, Cooperative Labor Farm) who are accused of being "members of the opposition, and who are followers of Dimitrov and Paikov". They have been sent to northern Bulgaria, to the Ludogorie region in Dobrudzha.
5. Denko Gegrev, local militiaman, 40 years old, a Communist, is an unstable person who treats the villagers badly. In 1951, he participated in the arrest of villagers who were in the revolt against the TKZS.
6. Tsanko Ivanov Puov, 30 years old, a Communist, is not revengeful and treats the villagers comparatively well.

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39. The MTS workers purposely damage the machines and tractors which stand for whole months in unharvested fields. Many truck drivers and tractor drivers have been interned in camps. The opposition is not private and isolated, but is in all sections of agricultural life.
40. In the Vidin and Kula sectors and in the Mikhaylovgrad sector as far as Belogradchik and in the direction of Berkovitsa, there are illegal /underground/ groups of partisans who are constantly active and who keep in contact with the villages of Golemanovo, Boynitsa, Gramada, and Shishantsa /Shishentsi?/, Kula Okoliya, with Riksa /sic/ and Smolyantsi /Smolyanovtsi?/ in Mikhaylovgrad Okoliya, and with Belo Pole, Falkovets /sic/, Dzhurdzhich /sic/, and Ruzhintsi in Belogradchik Okoliya. In this area of Bulgaria, the active direction of these groups by Dr G M Dimitrov, the Chairman of the Bulgarian National Committee, is spoken of. The workers in factories also actively participate in sabotage and do not fulfill production, which is of poor quality. For example, the porcelain factory in Vidin is inactive some days because of damages to boilers and machinery and because of poor mixtures for porcelain products. This factory is old and formerly operated well. The same is true in the case of the spinning and weaving mill about which is said that the old /machines?/ are damaged and the new /machines?/ are idle. When the mill is in operation, production is insufficient and norms are not fulfilled.
41. There is a frontier zone along the entire length of the Bulgarian-Yugoslav border where trees have been cut down, the ground cleared and some places (where illegal /diversionary/ groups are suspected to be passing) are plowed (this applies mainly to spring and summer) to show the direction of any movement in the area. Along the border many trenches (in two or more rows), camouflaged with branches or covered with earth, have been dug. Tank obstacles have been placed along the highway. Important bridges are defended. The border is defended by frontier troops; militiamen; State Security agents; men from the Ministry of Defense in civilian clothes who have motorcycles; by Party members from all border villages who cooperate with the troops and the militia; and by DOSO and "Tayfun" groups who participate in antipartisan activity, pursue the underground, set ambushes, and defend important military points, posts, and warehouses from sabotage.

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